



**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

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A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Present:** Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Solomon A. Solomon, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

**Absent:** Robert Flanders, Jr., and Kathrin Belliveau

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon, it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the revised agenda for the meeting of December 6, 2010.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Caprio expressed his appreciation to President Di Pasquale and the CCRI food services department for the accommodations, wonderful food and hospitality.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

None.

**6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Di Pasquale introduced Mr. Norman Grant of the CCRI Information Technology Department. Mr. Grant along with a team of individuals from the College's Marketing and Communications Department put together a video which will be used to introduce the Community College. This video will be distributed to Rhode Island high schools and will be used to promote the College with many other agencies all over the state. Commissioner Di Pasquale was pleased to note that the video's production was all done in house by CCRI's students.

The Commissioner took a minute before the video presentation to introduce the CCRI student ambassadors, Nicole Martins, Joshua Navarro and Kelly Chabot. He thanked the students for their services this evening and commended them for all the good work they do on behalf of the College. Chair Caprio echoed Commissioner Di Pasquale's comments and wished the students much success.

The Board was shown a six minute clip from the video. At the completion of the presentation, Commissioner Di Pasquale, on behalf of the College and the Board, thanked Mr. Grant for a job well done.

The Commissioner noted that this evening the Board will be asked to approve the annual audited financial statements from the three institutions and the actuary report from the Board's Other Post-Retirement Employee Benefits (OPEB) plan.

In addition, the Board will be asked to give their approval for a new Associate in Science Degree in Emergency Management at CCRI, as well as a new five-year program at URI that will allow students to earn a BA degree in physics and an MS degree in medical physics. The Board will also be asked to approve actions regarding system-wide outcomes assessment and recommendations from the Personnel Review Committee, as well as a minor revision to URI's Facility Clearance Resolution which was approved by the Board this past October.

At Commissioner Di Pasquale's request, Robert Weygand, Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University, reported that a final update and approval of the RFP for the nursing building feasibility study should be forthcoming in the next couple of days.

Finally, Commissioner Di Pasquale noted that this evening the Board may discuss in executive session a collective bargaining agreement with the part-time faculty at the University. If the agreement is to the Board's satisfaction, the Board will be asked to ratify the agreement when the Board reconvenes in open session.

On an additional note, Commissioner Di Pasquale recalled an article appearing in the Providence Journal a couple of weeks ago which indicated that Rhode Island was one of three states that were ineligible for a federal College Access Challenge Grant due to the State's inability to meet the grant's maintenance of effort requirement. After a significant amount of work by Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber, the Governor's Office, and others, the Commissioner proudly announced that the U.S. Department of Education will be awarding the State of Rhode Island, \$1.5 million of funding per year, for a five year period, for a total of \$7.5 million (provided the State meets certain conditions related to future higher education funding). The program funding is intended to improve college access, retention and completion rates of low income youth or returning adults within the Rhode Island community. The Office of Higher Education will serve as the administrative entity on the grant and will be working very closely with other departments across the state.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Adoption of Revised Resolution Regarding the University's Facility Clearance**

Chair Caprio indicated that the University has been asked to add the Vice President of Student Affairs, Mr. Thomas Dougan, and the Vice President of University Advancement, Mr. Robert Beagle, to the list of Key Management Personnel regarding the University's Facility Clearance. The revised resolution contains this personnel change.

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors adopts the revised resolution as presented which delegates authority over user agency contracts to a managerial team at the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown
	NAYS:	0

### **b. Approval of a Utility Easement for a Modified Electrical Connection to the Human Transition Center and Child Development Center on the University's Kingston Campus**

Vice Chair Michael Ryan recused himself from all discussion and action taken with regard to Item 7b.

Chair Caprio presented Item 7b to the Board as follows:

The University of Rhode Island requests permission to enter into an agreement with National Grid to grant an easement to cover the installation of modified electrical utility feeds for the Human Transition Center and Child Development Center buildings from current electrical lines maintained by National Grid along Lower College Road.

The need for this easement and modified electrical connections is created by the construction of the Hillside Residence Hall and a companion road construction project that connects Fraternity Circle to a realigned Campus Avenue/Baird Hill Road on the Kingstown campus. The modified electrical feeds are necessary to permit the removal of existing lines and poles that are within these construction sites.

The application and easement document, which will be supplied by National Grid, will be subject to review by the Board's Legal Counsel and acceptance prior to its execution by the University and the Chair of the Board of Governors.

Following consideration and execution by the Board of Governors, this request will be placed on the State Properties Committee's agenda for approval.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the modified utility easement for the electrical connection to the Human Transition Center and Child Development Center on the University's Kingston Campus as provided.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAIN:	Michael Ryan (as to Item 7b)

**c. Approval of the Extension of a Building Lease for the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center**

Chair Caprio indicated that Item 7c on today's agenda is the University's request to seek approval for an extension of its existing building lease on East Farm in Kingston. The building is utilized by the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center, a not-for-profit organization that serves the local commercial fishing industry.

In December 2003, the Board approved a lease within the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center (Building 59). At that time, the building was not in use by the University and

the lease allowed the organization to perform limited necessary improvements in order to occupy the facility. The University gained renovations and repairs to Building 59. Rent is set at one dollar per year.

Presently, the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center has secured \$170,000 to make additional improvements to the building. Improvements will be made to the office and meeting space as well as handicap accessibility modifications. The planned improvements will benefit both parties. In conjunction with the commitment to these improvements, the organization is asking for a modified extension to its current lease which will otherwise terminate in 2013.

The new extension, Amendment Two to the lease, will allow for an extension of seven (7) years to December 2020, with a right to extend the term by an additional five-year period through December 2025, at the Tenant's option.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the lease agreement requesting an extension of an existing building lease for the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center as provided.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**d. Recommendation for the conceptual approval of a request for proposal for an antenna license on the University of Rhode Island's water tower.**

Chair Caprio indicated that the University of Rhode Island wishes to enter into a license agreement allowing its one remaining location on the Water Tower in North Kingstown to be used to place a cell phone antenna to provide better service to the local community. In looking for an opportunity, University facilities management has determined that there is considerable interest by multiple parties for this space.

Therefore, the University would like to obtain an appraisal of those opportunities and go to bid in order to identify a favorable proposal for this remaining space. Upon identifying a desirable bidder, the University will negotiate a proposed license agreement, bringing it back to the Committees for review and recommendation to the Board of Governors.

In addition, this conceptual approval and the subsequent contract review and approval process will be sought from the State Properties Committee.

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the concept of bringing a request for proposal for an antenna license on the University of Rhode Island's water tower with subsequent approvals of the selected bidder and a proposed negotiated contract. This search process and the subsequent license will also be subject to the approvals of the State Properties Committee.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**e. Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for URI, RIC, and CCRI for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2010.**

Vice Chair Ryan reported that O'Connor and Drew, P.C., has issued the financial statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. As Board members will recall, the institutions' audit reports will be included as component units in the State of Rhode Island's financial statements for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2010.

The University of Rhode Island received a clean opinion with the single exception related to valuation of some investments in the URI Foundation's portfolio. However, but for that notation, the University as well as Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island received unqualified opinion letters from O'Connor and Drew which indicate that the financial statements "present fairly and all material respects the financial position" of each institution as of June 30, 2010.

In addition to the completed financial audits, O'Connor and Drew have also completed the A-133 audits and provided management letters for the three institutions which will be presented to the Board at a later date

Vice Chair Ryan introduced Mr. David Dilulis, principal with O'Connor and Drew. Mr. Dilulis thanked the Board for the opportunity to conduct the audit. He indicated that the statements due on September 30<sup>th</sup> were filed within the deadline and the A-133 audit due November 30<sup>th</sup> was also filed on time. As part of their responsibility to governing bodies, Mr. Dilulis provided the Board with two audit reports, one on the financial statements themselves, and the other on the internal control environment. He thanked the institutional staff for their cooperation in meeting the deadlines.

Vice Chair Ryan likewise thanked the University, College and Community College for their cooperation, specifically the individuals most responsible, Sharon Bell, Paul Forte and Carl Toft.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**f. Acceptance of the Other Post-retirement Employee Benefits (OPEB) actuarial report at June 30, 2010.**

Governor Thomas Rockett recused himself from all discussion and action taken with regard to Item 7f.

Vice Chair Ryan reported that Gabriel Roeder Smith and Company serve as the actuarial consultant for the Other Post-Retirement Employee Benefits (OPEB) for both the Board of Governors' Plan and for the State's Plan. They were engaged by both parties to produce a report that would assess the overall liability for both plans regarding the post-retirement health care plans covering the Board's respective retirees.

Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne presented the background of the issue and the findings of the report. She advised that in the past, these underfunded liabilities have not been measured nor have they been included in the books of their respective entities. This is true of commercial entities as well as governmental agencies. However, as the years have gone by, these amounts have become significant and their lack of disclosure on the books has become a significant unknown liability that might in fact be a determining factor on a decision maker who is using and depending on the financial statements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has determined that these liabilities must now be measured and disclosed. The Board of Governors' institutions have complied with these requirements since their inception in 2008. While GASB is silent about whether and how these liabilities should be funded, they have been specific about the way they need to be measured and disclosed.

As you may recall, the State Legislature has required that a trust fund or other such vehicle be established for the receipt of all of these funds and for the payment of all of these liabilities both now and in the future. The OPED Board has just begun to meet now to determine the best way for this plan to be established and implemented. While the Board of Governors' plan is separate from the State's plan, the legislation does require that the State plan contain a fund for the ERS employees as well as the agency specific OPEBs, such as the Board of Governors' plan. These amounts, however, are not to be comingled. When the plan is funded, the liability is measured using a higher discount rate in order to accommodate an investment income that may result from those trust funds that are in excess of a "pay-as-you-go" payment plan.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne reported that the Board has just now begun to fund its full liability, therefore, the Board is able to use the 5% discount rate. According to the actuary's report, the use of the 5% discount rate means that the OPEB liability for the Board of Governors' plan may currently be stated as \$47,703,711. This is a significant drop in the amount that was reported last year.

While this amount is reported in the footnotes, GASB has allowed and has determined that plans such as the Board's as well as the State's ERS plan will bring this liability onto the books over the next 30 years in order to avoid overwhelming the results of any one year.

The system will begin to accrue a liability that will have two components: an assessment for the current year's expenses and 1/29<sup>th</sup> portion of the liability for prior employee services. In addition, the system will be assessed 2.69% of total applicable payroll in this current year for deposit into the trust fund and this amount will be adjusted periodically to assure that the trust fund may meet its obligations to system retirees. The draft actuarial report discusses the assumptions and the results of the study for the OPEB plan of the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Commissioner Di Pasquale added that each institution is aware of this liability and will include this as an expense in their budgets on a yearly basis going forward.

On a motion duly made by Michael Ryan and seconded by Kenneth Aurecchia it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the results of the Actuarial Report for the Other Post-Retirement Employee Benefits Plan (OPEB) as of the report date, September 22, 2010

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Thomas Rockett (as to Item 7f)

## **8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Academic and Student Affairs**

- 1. Approval of a Proposal from the Community College of Rhode Island to Offer an Associate of Science Degree in Emergency Management**
- 2. Approval of a Proposal from the University of Rhode Island to Offer a Five-Year Combined Bachelor of Science in Physics/Master of Science in Medical Physics**



### **3. Approval of Actions to be Taken Regarding System-wide Outcomes Assessment**

Governor Hagan reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met earlier today, December 6, 2010. There are three consent items on today's Agenda that were approved at this meeting.

Item 8a1, the ASAC Committee recommends the Board's approval of a proposal from the Community College of Rhode Island to establish an Associate of Science Degree in Emergency Management.

Item 8a2, the ASAC Committee recommends the Board's approval of a proposal of the University of Rhode Island to Offer a Five-Year Combined Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics/Master of Science in Medical Physics.

Item 8a3, the ASAC Committee recommends the Board's approval with actions to be taken regarding System-wide Outcomes Assessment. In addition, at its meeting the Committee heard about the academic road map project at CCRI and URI.

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED: (Item 8a1)**

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from the Community College of Rhode Island to offer an Associate of Science Degree in Emergency Management

**(Item 8a2)**

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a five-year combined Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics/Master of Science in Medical Physics

**(Item 8a3)**

That the following program's outcomes assessment be accepted by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education for Category II status, signifying that a first cycle of assessment is nearly complete but still requires departmental analysis and action.

URI	B.A. Political Science	Level II
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Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

**b. Student Advisory**

Governor Brandon Brown reported that the Student Advisory Committee met for the first time on September 29, 2010. All three institutions were represented by members of their student body organizations. Graduate students from URI and RIC represented their college graduate students as well. At this meeting, Commissioner Di Pasquale addressed the committee and provided them with information on:

- why and how the Student Advisory Committee had been formed
- the structure of the system of public higher education
- information on the higher education budget process
- the Board's vote to freeze tuition for the upcoming academic year
- information on the November bond referendum

Governor Brown indicated that the Committee had some significant discussion on the issue of the 50% RIPTA pass discount which is in place at URI. This discount will be reinstated at CCRI and is now under discussion at RIC. The Student Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on December 8, 2010.

**9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Recommendations from the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)**

Anne Marie Coleman indicated that this is a request from Rhode Island College to upgrade the existing classification of the Dean of the School of Management from pay grade 18 to pay grade 20. This upgrade is consistent with the other Dean positions and has been approved by the PRC.

As a result of that review process, the Personnel Review Committee is recommending that the Board approve the following:

**Rhode Island College:**

**Change in pay grade of Dean, School of Management from NUNC pay grade 18 to NUNC pay grade 20.**

On a motion made by Michael Ryan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

VOTED:

<b>(Item 9a)</b>	<b>THAT</b>	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations
	<b>Vote:</b>	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown
	<b>NAYS:</b>	0

## **10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

### **a. University of Rhode Island**

President Dooley elaborated on an article appearing in the Providence Journal on the efforts on URI's campus to create a better, safer, more supportive, and more welcome environment for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered (GLBT) students. This is part of a broad University effort which has now become one of the signature transformational goals of the University. The University will continue its effort to create a community where everyone is welcome, everyone is affirmed, and everyone is supported. Everyone will have a chance to achieve all that they come to the University to achieve, to prepare themselves to pursue their hopes, dreams and aspirations after graduation to the best of their ability. President Dooley recognized that the University has a long way to go on this issue, as do many institutions of higher education in America. The University is very serious about it and believes it is an important part of the University of Rhode Island's mission. It is an important goal for the University to articulate and centralize. This will become a part of the University's identity. It will become a part of the University's daily commitment to pursue actions, plans, budget decisions, and others that will help the University achieve this goal that celebrates diversity, that sees diversity as a strength, an essential component to excellence, and not something that is an impediment to excellence.

Vice Chair Ryan congratulated President Dooley and the University for stepping forward on this issue. Chair Caprio added his congratulations to the President and to the University as well.

### **b. Rhode Island College**

President Carriuolo was happy to report that the Champlin Foundation has provided Rhode Island College with \$257,100 to fund the renovation of laboratories in the Clarke Science Building.

New England Institute of Technology students and faculty are designing and building a bus shelter for the College.

Design Partnership of Cambridge was released by the Department of Administration as the architectural firm whose bid was accepted for design of the renovated art center, supported by \$17M of bond funding. They have experience with the special needs of buildings designed for the arts.

President Carriuolo welcomed everyone to RIC's holiday party on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. The tree lighting is scheduled to begin at 5 o'clock.

Lastly, President Carriuolo indicated that Governor Carcieri had visited the College earlier in the day. The Governor interacted with the students and offered remarks on educational reform, the curriculum revision and alignment throughout PK 16 which took place throughout his 8 years as governor, and the accompanying assessments that were developed including NECAP. He touched on the STEM Center that was built at Rhode Island College, the collaboration effort that was involved in securing Race To The Top funds, the funding formula for K12 schools and the effects of the PK 16 Council and bringing people together over various educational reform issues.

Governor Carcieri concluded his visit with a request that individuals who are preparing to become teachers, current teachers, and higher education faculty, continue to work together with RIDE and others on reforms.

**c. Community College of Rhode Island**

President Di Pasquale reported that at the Governor's Workforce Board meeting, a newly appointed task force, the Multiple Pathway task force, was appointed. The task force will include Ray as Commissioner of Higher Education, Robyn Smith, CCRI Vice President, and several key business leaders, Deborah Gist, and others that will begin to talk about how to better prepare our students for the workforce. The task force will be led by Brandon Melton of Lifespan.

Just as an indicator of spring enrollment, the first enrollment report has the College up by almost 3%, another record enrollment. The College is almost at 12,000, which brings about a sense of concern.

The Community College was written up recently and used as a case study for Microsoft. The study notes that for the first two weeks after the Community College changed to Live@edu, the number of active users climbed by 15% to 15,000 and daily e-mail volume also climbed by 50%. These changes have caused the College's costs to decline by \$285,000.

President Di Pasquale noted that as veterans continue to come back home, the Community College is proud to continue providing outstanding services to them. This week the College, along with other organizations, will be on hand at an event to provide education benefits to our veterans who go to CCRI as well as family and dependents. All three institutions will be seeing more veterans as they come back from military duty.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);

On a motion duly made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Michael Ryan it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner and President of the Community College of Rhode Island; University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley; Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Steven Maurano, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs; Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management; and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown
	NAYS:	0

On a motion made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between RIBGHE and URI/AAUP Part-Time Faculty United (URI/AAUP PTFU).
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere, Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon, Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown
	NAYS:	0

On a motion made by Solomon A. Solomon and seconded by Kenneth Aurecchia it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the extension of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Graduate Assistants United/American Association of University Professors (GAU/AAUP) through August 31, 2011 as presented.
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Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members  
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere,  
Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon,  
Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

### 13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, January 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at Rhode Island College, Student Ballroom,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Monday, March 21, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island College, TBD,  
Kingston, Rhode Island.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Daniel Ryan and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members  
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Pierre LaPerriere,  
Thomas Rockett, Daniel Ryan, Solomon A. Solomon,  
Kenneth Aurecchia, Joseph Hagan, and Brandon Brown

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary***